

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Bruce SMITH :
Serial No.: Group Art Unit:
Filed: February 27, 2002 Examiner:
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For: AN OPTICAL PROXIMITY CORRECTION METHOD UTILIZING GRAY BARS AS
SUB-RESOLUTION ASSIST FEATURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION

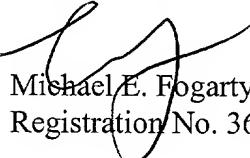
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REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to insert the priority information into the specification. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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